EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Assessment Grant

\$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to update and maintain the current brownfields inventory, perform 17 Phase I and 10 Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare at least three cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities, including the development of outreach documents. Assessment activities will focus on the Harvard Industries area, West Michigan/Hamblin corridor, and Brownlee Park. Coalition partners are the City of Battle Creek and Albion Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 5 Brownfields Team (312) 886-9493 EPA Region 5 Brownfields Web site (https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-and-land-revitalization-illinois-ind iana-michigan-minnesota-ohio-and)

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